

REMARKS

Applicant thank the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representatives Messrs. Lawrence Cullen, Hiroki Nishida, and Kenichi Ueda during an interview on September 3, 2003.

During the interview, Applicant presented a proposed amendment to claim 1 and new claims 12-32. The amendments are substantially the same as the above amendments to those claims. During the interview, Applicant explained the newly added claims and the amendment to claim 1. Applicant directed the Examiner's attention to Figure 2. Applicant also explained that neither the Fukushima reference nor the Chee reference disclose transferring a graphic command from the CPU to the memory and generating the display data by decoding the graphic command received from the memory and outputting the display data to the memory. Applicant explained that Fukushima discloses to provide a command to graphic processor 100, not to frame buffer 205. Applicant also explained that Chee also discloses to provide a command from CPU 28 to VDC 36 (a processor) and not to DRAM 38. The Examiner did not appear to dispute Applicant's position and Applicant understands that it was accepted that neither Fukushima nor Chee disclose all of the claimed limitations.

The Examiner reviewed the proposed claims and indicated that a further search would be necessary. No agreement was reached regarding the allowability of the proposed claims.

Applicant also discussed providing priority as recited in claims 14 and 15. Applicant directed the Examiner's attention to Figure 4 and the discussion of priority on page 17, lines 2-8. For additional consideration of the priority features of the above application, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to page 15, line 25 through page 17, line 7 of the specification.

I. Introduction

Claims 1-9 and 12-31 are pending in the above application.

Claims 1 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102.

Claims 2-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

II. Amendments

Claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-8 have been amended.

Claims 12-31 are newly added.

Claims 1, 12 and 25 are independent claims.

No new matter has been added.

III. Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Fukushima et al. (U.S. Patent 5,507,026) (hereafter "Fukushima").

Claims 2-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukushima in view of Chee (U.S. Patent 6,204,864).

It is Applicant's understanding that both of these rejections have been overcome by the amendments to claim 1 as discussed in the interview. Accordingly, no further response is believed to be necessary.

IV. New Claims 12-31

New claims 12-31 are believed to be patentable over the prior art. New claims 12-31 were discussed in the interview and are believed to be patentable at least for the reasons discussed in the interview.

V. Conclusion

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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